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 $R^1COOH(2)$

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wherein R denotes

a hydrogen atom,

an optionally substituted alkyl group,

an optionally substituted aryl group, or

an optionally substituted hetero ring, and

an organic base to a solution of a carboxylic acid activating agent of formula (3);

 $(R^2)_p Y(O)_n X (3)$

wherein R² denotes

an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbyl group,

an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbyl,

an optionally substituted chain or cyclic alkoxy group, or

an optionally substituted aryloxy group,

Y denotes

a carbon atom, a phosphorus atom, or a sulfur atom,

X denotes

a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom, an iodine atom, a cyano group or a group of formula:

 $(R^2)_p Y(O)_nO-,$

wherein R² is the same as defined above,

n and p are an integer of 1 or 2; and

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when Y is a carbon atom, n=1 and p=1,

when Y is a phosphorous atom, n=1 and p=2, and

when Y is sulfur atom, n=2 and p=1 and R^2 denotes an optionally substituted alkyl or aryl

group.